# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RAIL CORRIDOR SAFETY COMMITTEE



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# **RAIL CORRIDOR SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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### **I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE**

The Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation (P.L. 28-2000) directing the Committee to do the following:

- (1) Study the safety of rail corridors, including corridors at overpasses, underpasses, and crossings.
- (2) Review railroad safety records.
- (3) Study methods of encouraging cooperation among the railroads, local government, state government, and federal government to enhance the safety of railroads.
- (4) Study other topics as assigned by the Legislative Council.

### II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Committee met one time during the 2004 interim session, on August 17, 2004. The Committee discussed the following topics:

- (1) Grant distributions from the railroad grade crossing fund for surface work improvements.
- (2) Railroad grade crossing accident statistics.
- (3) Problems facing short line railroads.

The Committee is required to file a final report before November 1, 2005.

Meeting minutes for the Committee can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <a href="http://www.state.in.us/legislative/">http://www.state.in.us/legislative/</a>.